

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY [DRAFT]
JANUARY 27, 2016**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Pestrella for Gail Farber (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chair, Leadership Committee

Grace Kast for Chris Cash (Gateway Water Management Authority)
Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

Mark Stanley (Watershed Conservation Authority)
Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel River & Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD)
Chair, South Bay Subregion

Rob Beste (City of Torrance)
Vice-Chair, South Bay Subregion

Dave Pettijohn (City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power)
Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

David Pedersen (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster)
Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Subregion

Randy Schoellerman (San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority)
Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Subregion

Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin)
Groundwater Water, Water Management Area

Guangyu Wang for Tom Ford (Santa Monica Bay Restoration)
Open Space, Water Management Area

Grace Chan for Jeff Kightlinger (Metropolitan Water District)
Surface Water, Water Management Area

Sharon Green for Grace Hyde (County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County)
Sanitation, Water Management Area

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela George, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Terri Grant, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Mercedes Passanisi, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Erica Sasman, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

Leighanne Kirk, West Basin MWD

Marybeth Vergara, Watershed Conservation Authority

Persephene St. Charles, RMC Water & Environment

Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers

Linda Palmquist, MNS Engineers
Tammy Hierling, Central Basin MWD
Wendy La, for Puente Basin Water Agency
Robert Harding, Metropolitan Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Gary Hildebrand

1. Introductions

Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of December 9, 2015 Meeting Notes

Grace Chan of the Metropolitan Water District requested the meeting notes be updated to reflect that she was present. A motion to approve the meeting notes as amended was made by Barbara Cameron and seconded by Kelly Gardner. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

A. Funding Future Grant Applications – DACs, NGOs, and Smaller Organizations

Virginia Maloles-Fowler reported that the Sub-Regions will discuss this item at their upcoming meetings. An update will be provided to the Leadership Committee at a future meeting.

B. Consultant Support Services

Ms. Maloles-Fowler reported that during their January meetings, the Sub-Regions discussed tasks to include in the consultant support services contract. The Sub-Regions will provide their members' input to the Plan Update Committee, and then the Plan Update Committee will make a recommendation to the Leadership Committee. A draft SOW should be available for review within the next 1-2 months.

C. DAC Coordinator Contract

Ms. Maloles-Fowler and Mark Stanley reported that the Sub-Regions were provided with a report of DAC activities completed in the past year and a scope of work for project development activities. After discussion, it was decided that the scoring criteria for this contract should be shared with the Leadership Committee and the selection panel for the contract should include members of the Plan Update Committee and DAC Committee.

D. Incorporation of E/WMPs into IRWM Plan

Russ Bryden explained the process of incorporating the E/WMPs into the IRWM Plan and the role of the Leadership Committee. Flood Control District staff will draft a submittal letter for use by the E/WMP groups and assist them with uploading their projects to OPTI by providing them with an Excel file of all required OPTI fields and then doing the data entry to OPTI on their behalf.

E. Prop 50 and Prop 84 Grants Summary

Regarding Prop 50, Ms. Maloles-Fowler reported that the Prop 50 grant will terminate on December 31, 2016 and that DWR will not accept invoices for expenses incurred after this

date. Any un-invoiced grant funds will be lost. Three of our 14 Prop 50 projects are still open. All three are on track with invoicing and reporting to meet DWR's deadline.

Regarding Prop 84 – Round 1, Rich Nagel made a motion, seconded by Rob Beste, to transfer Prop 84 – Round 1 grant funding in the amount of \$413,781.08 from the San Antonio Spreading Grounds project to the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project. This transfer of funds is the result of the San Antonio Spreading Grounds project coming in under budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regarding Prop 1, Mr. Bryden provided a summary of the recently released Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program Draft Guidelines, Planning Solicitation Package, and Disadvantaged Community Involvement RFP. Staff requested the Sub-Regions to review these documents and provide comments by Feb. 16th. The deadline for comments to the State is Friday, March 18th.

4. New Business

A. Discussion of Bi-Monthly Leadership Committee Meetings

A discussion was held regarding altering the schedule for Leadership Committee meetings. A motion to adjust meeting dates to reflect a bi-monthly schedule was made by Dave Pedersen and seconded by Mr. Nagel. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Presentation by Metropolitan Water District: Regional Recycled Water Supply Program

Mr. Robert Harding of the Metropolitan Water District gave a presentation on their Regional Recycled Water Supply Program, a joint project between Metropolitan Water District and the County Sanitation Districts.

C. Presentation by Water Replenishment District: Groundwater Basins Management Plan

Ms. Esther Rojas of the Water Replenishment District gave a presentation on their Groundwater Basins Management Plan.

5. Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees

Lower San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers Sub-Region – Ms. Rojas reported that the Steering Committee discussed the DAC coordinator contract, reviewed the draft proposal for Consultant Support Services, and selected a Request for Qualifications format over a Request for Proposal.

North Santa Monica Bay Sub-Region - No update

South Bay Sub-Region - Leighanne Kirk reported that the Steering Committee covered the same items previously mentioned.

Upper Los Angeles River Sub-Region - Dave Pettijohn indicated that the Steering Committee also covered the same items previously mentioned. Mr. Pettijohn also discussed the relationship between LA DWP's Stormwater Capture Plan, E/WMPs, and the GLAC IRWM Plan.

Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo River Sub-Region - Kelly Gardner indicated that the Steering Committee also covered the same items previously mentioned. The Steering Committee also discussed the draft DAC Coordinator proposal, and the reallocation of Prop 84 2015 grant funding resulting from the City of Arcadia dropping their project.

B. Water Management Areas

Open Space – No update

Sanitation – Sharon Green reported that the County Sanitation Districts are organizing the implementation of SB485 which is currently going through Local Agency Formation Commission approval process. They are also working on the development of an ordinance for a pharmaceuticals and sharps take back program. For more information on the take back program, visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

Surface Water – Grace Chan reported that Statewide the snowpack is at 117 percent of normal and the Colorado watershed is slightly above normal. However, this does not make up for four consecutive years of drought. Ms. Chan also reported that the State's emergency water conservation targets will be extended.

Groundwater - Tony Zampielo reported that the key well for the Main San Gabriel Basin gained 5 feet from its historic low last November of 174 feet. The 5 foot gain was mainly due to Upper District delivering their year's worth of allocation.

Stormwater – No report

C. Legislative Committee

Leighanne Kirk reported that the deadline to introduce legislation is February 19th. She also asked Leadership Committee members to review and consider taking action on AB 1713 which prohibits the construction of the CA Water Fix/BDCP/Twin Tunnels unless approved by a voter initiative.

D. DAC Committee

Mr. Stanley asked the Plan Update Committee to review DWR's draft Prop 1 DAC Involvement PSP. Ms. Marybeth Vergara announced that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Prop 1 grant program received 47 applications requesting a total of \$50 million in grant funding. RMC has \$30 million in funding available.

6. Public Comment

Greg Jaquez shared that there will be a Prop 1 Stormwater Grant meeting at the Regional Water Resources Control Board next week. Mr. Jaquez also requested his firm do a presentation on a new technology that captures, treats, and infiltrates stormwater.

7. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items

A request made for a presentation on LADWP's Stormwater Capture Master Plan

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.